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JOHN E. AUSTIN.

Sheep raising has been one of the principal industries of Wasatch county for many years, and during the past few years, it has perhaps exceeded in this industry any other county in the State, and John E. Austin is the leading sheepman of the county. He is one of the heaviest stockholders and general manager of the Heber Land and Live Stock Company, one of the largest stock-growing companies in state.

He was born in England, February 7, 1868, but came to Utah with his parents when less than two years of age, settling at Lehi where he lived until the year 1886, when he came to this valley with a small herd of sheep belonging to himself and Ira D. Wines. A few years later he bought out the interest of Wines and began investing in real estate. He bought the Howe

farm of 160 acres on Center street, considered one of the best farms in the county and gradually increased his holdings from year until he became the owner of several thousand acres. His sheep multiplied upon him until he was one of the largest sheep owners in the county. Two years ago he and his brother George, who is manager of the Utah Sugar company, with a few other stock men, organized a state incorporated the Heber Land and Live Stock Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000. A year ago the capital stock was increased to \$150,000, John E. and George each owning about 60 per cent of the stock. The business of the company for the past year amounted to nearly \$400,000.

Mr. Austin is chairman of the board of county commissioners of the county, and also chairman of the state board of sheep commissioners.

On the seventh day of March, 1895, he married Sadie Thomas, a young county maiden, and one of whom any man might well be proud. She now resides in one of the finest homes in the county, being a beautiful brick residence of modern architecture and design.

